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SUBJECT: KHMER REPRESENTATION IN UN: AUSTRALIAN POSITION

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1. IN ABSENCE OF FONMIN WILLESSEE, I RAISED ABOVE SUBJECT WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY BORDER OF FONOFF LAST NIGHT (DECEMBER 3), HE SAID THAT WHITLAM HAS MADE SOLID DECISION TO ABSTAIN ON DEFERMENT RESOLUTION EVEN THOUGH HE REALIZES THAT THIS BREAKS WITH ASIAN WORKING GROUP POSITION. BORDER LISTENED TO MY PRESENTATION, BUT COMMENTED THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE ANYTHING COULD BE DONE TO REVERSE WHITLAM'S DECISION. HE POINTED OUT THAT WHITLAM HAD ALREADY STATED IN A RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE THAT AUSTRALIA WOULD ABSTAIN ON PROCEDURAL RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO CAMBODIAN ISSUES IN UN, BUT WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT "LON NOL GOVERNMENT" AS LONG AS IT WAS IN CONTROL OF PHNOM PENH AND A MEMBER OF THE UN.

2. I ASKED BORDER WHETHER THIS WHITLAM STATEMENT MEANT THAT GOA WOULD RECOGNIZE GRUNK IF LATTER WERE SEATED IN UN. BORDER REPLIED THAT NO POSITION HAD BEEN REACHED ON THIS MATTER (WHICH IS WHAT WILLESEE HAD SECRET

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PREVIOUSLY TOLD ME). BORDER MADE NO SECRET OF HIS CONCERN OVER WHITLAM'S HANDLING OF CAMBODIAN ISSUES WHICH AT ONE POINT HE REFERRED TO AS "CRAZY" IN TERMS OF SIHANOUK'S REAL INTERESTS IN COOPERATING CLOSELY WITH

ASEAN COUNTRIES , JAPAN, NEW ZEALAND AND , OF COURSE, THE UNITED STATES.

3. INDONESIA COLLEAGUE DID MAKE DEMARCHE UPON FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY WOOLCOTT YESTERDAY. WOOLCOTT TOLD HIM THAT SIHANOUK HAD JUST CABLED WHITLAM TO REQUEST GOA SUPPORT IN UN, BUT WHITLAM HAD RESPONDED NEGATIVELY. WE HAVE SINCE BRIEFED INDONESIA ON THE SUBTLETIES OF VOTE DEFERRAL QUESTION AND THEY INTEND TO FOLLOW UP WITH DEPARTMENT FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

4. REFTEL JUST RECEIVED. MOST HELPFUL THING AT THIS STAGE IS FOR ASEAN COUNTRIES PLUS JAPAN AND NEW ZEALAND TO MAKE FORCEFUL REPRESENTATIONS BOTH WITH AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADORS IN THEIR CAPITALS AS WELL AS WITH DFA IN CANBERRA. OUR ASIAN FRIENDS HAVE EVIDENTLY NOT BEEN AS ACTIVE AS THEY SHOULD BE IN THIS REGARD. NOT THAT I THINK THAT THEY WILL NOW BE ABLE TO REVERSE WHITLAM'S DECISION ON ABSTENTION ON DEFERMENT RESOLUTION, BUT FORCEFUL REPRESENTATIONS BY AWG COUNTRIES COULD BE HELPFUL IN KEEPING AUSTRALIA FROM RECOGNIZING GRUNK SHOULD LATTER BE SEATED IN UN.
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